

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Original) A portable backpack fluid dispenser operable to dispense fluid, the dispenser comprising:
 - a tank defining a cavity in which fluid is supportable;
 - a pump fluidly connected to the tank and having an inlet and an outlet, wherein fluid is pumpable from the cavity into the pump through the inlet and is pumpable out of the pump through the outlet;
 - a dispensing tube in fluid connection with the outlet of the pump and being operable to pass fluid therethrough; and
 - a conduit defined in the tank and at least partially passing through the cavity, the dispensing tube being at least partially positioned in the conduit.
2. (Original) The dispenser of claim 1, wherein the conduit extends through the tank from a front surface of the tank to a rear surface of the tank.
3. (Original) The dispenser of claim 2, wherein the dispensing tube is at least partially received in the conduit and extends out of the conduit from the rear surface of the tank.
4. (Original) The dispenser of claim 1, wherein the conduit has a substantially round cross-sectional shape.
5. (Original) The dispenser of claim 1, wherein the conduit is shaped to complement the shape of the dispensing tube.

6. (Currently Amended) A portable backpack fluid dispenser operable to dispense fluid, the dispenser comprising:

a tank defining a cavity in which fluid is supportable;

a pump fluidly connected to the tank and having an inlet and an outlet, wherein fluid is pumpable from the cavity into the pump through the inlet and is pumpable out of the pump through the outlet;

a dispensing tube in fluid connection with the outlet of the pump and being operable to pass fluid therethrough; and

a conduit defined in the tank and at least partially passing through the cavity, the dispensing tube being at least partially positioned in the conduit,

~~The dispenser of claim 1,~~ wherein the dispensing tube extends from the pump, through the conduit, and away from the tank.

7. (Currently Amended) A portable backpack fluid dispenser operable to dispense fluid, the dispenser comprising:

a tank defining a cavity in which fluid is supportable;

a pump fluidly connected to the tank and having an inlet and an outlet, wherein fluid is pumpable from the cavity into the pump through the inlet and is pumpable out of the pump through the outlet;

a dispensing tube in fluid connection with the outlet of the pump and being operable to pass fluid therethrough; and

a conduit defined in the tank and at least partially passing through the cavity, the dispensing tube being at least partially positioned in the conduit,

~~The dispenser of claim 1,~~ wherein[:] the tank defines a receptacle in at least one wall of the tank; and

the conduit extends from the receptacle to allow the dispensing tube to pass through the tank from the receptacle.

8. (Original) The dispenser of claim 1, wherein the conduit extends through a wall of the tank.

9. (Currently Amended) A portable backpack fluid dispenser operable to dispense fluid, the dispenser comprising:

a tank defining a cavity in which fluid is supportable;

a pump fluidly connected to the tank and having an inlet and an outlet, wherein fluid is pumpable from the cavity into the pump through the inlet and is pumpable out of the pump through the outlet;

a dispensing tube in fluid connection with the outlet of the pump and being operable to pass fluid therethrough; and

a conduit defined in the tank and at least partially passing through the cavity, the dispensing tube being at least partially positioned in the conduit; wherein the conduit extends through a wall of the tank and

~~The dispenser of claim 8,~~ wherein the conduit extends through walls of the tank on opposite sides of the tank.

10. (Original) A method of dispensing fluid from a portable backpack fluid dispenser, the method comprising:

providing a tank defining a cavity operable to support fluid therein, the tank having a conduit passing at least partially through the cavity;

fluidly connecting a pump to the tank, the pump having an inlet and an outlet;

providing a dispensing tube at least partially received within the conduit, the dispensing tube having an end fluidly connected to the outlet of the pump;

pumping fluid from the tank into the pump through the inlet of the pump; and

pumping fluid out of the pump and into the dispensing tube through the outlet of the pump.

11. (Original) The method of claim 10, further comprising pumping fluid from the tank through the conduit.

12. (Original) The method of claim 10, further comprising pumping fluid from the tank through the conduit from a front surface of the tank to a rear surface of the tank.

13. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein the conduit has a cross-sectional shape complementary to a cross-sectional shape of the dispensing tube.

14. (Currently Amended) A portable backpack fluid dispenser operable to dispense fluid, the dispenser comprising:

a tank operable to support fluid therein;

a bracket connected to the tank;

a pump connected to the bracket and including an inlet and an outlet, the pump being operable to pump fluid from the cavity into the inlet and pump fluid out of the pump through the outlet; and

a cover selectively connectable to the bracket and being operable to substantially ~~at least partially~~ cover the pump when connected to the bracket.

15. (Original) The dispenser of claim 14, further comprising:

a receptacle in the tank; and

a bracket coupled to the tank within the receptacle.

16. (Original) The dispenser of claim 15, wherein the cover is at least partially covers the receptacle when the cover is connected to the bracket.

17. (Original) The dispenser of claim 14, wherein the bracket includes a first portion mounted to the tank and a second portion extending at an angle with respect to the first portion.

18. (Original) The dispenser of claim 17, wherein the pump is mounted to the second portion of the bracket.

19. (Currently Amended) A portable backpack fluid dispenser operable to dispense fluid, the dispenser comprising:

a tank operable to support fluid therein;

a bracket connected to the tank;

a pump connected to the bracket and including an inlet and an outlet, the pump being operable to pump fluid from the cavity into the inlet and pump fluid out of the pump through the outlet; and

a cover selectively connectable to the bracket and being operable to substantially cover the pump when connected to the bracket,

wherein the bracket includes a first portion mounted to the tank and a second portion extending at an angle with respect to the first portion

~~The dispenser of claim 17,~~ wherein[:] the second portion of the bracket includes a flange extending therefrom; and

the pump is mounted to the flange.

20. (Original) The dispenser of claim 19, wherein:

the flange is integral with the second portion of the bracket; and

the flange is bent out of a plane in which the first portion of the bracket lies.

21. (Currently Amended) A portable backpack fluid dispenser operable to dispense fluid, the dispenser comprising:

a tank operable to support fluid therein;

a bracket connected to the tank;

a pump connected to the bracket and including an inlet and an outlet, the pump being operable to pump fluid from the cavity into the inlet and pump fluid out of the pump through the outlet; and

a cover selectively connectable to the bracket and being operable to substantially cover the pump when connected to the bracket, wherein the bracket includes a first portion mounted to the tank and a second portion extending at an angle with respect to the first portion,

~~The dispenser of claim 17,~~ wherein the bracket includes a first flange extending from the second portion of the bracket and a second flange extending from the first portion of the bracket, the cover fastened at one end to one of the first and second flanges and retained at another end to another of the first and second flanges.

22. (Original) The dispenser of claim 14, further comprising a conduit extending through the tank from a position adjacent the bracket.

23. (Currently Amended) A portable backpack fluid dispenser operable to dispense fluid, the dispenser comprising:

a tank operable to support fluid therein;

a bracket connected to the tank;

a pump connected to the bracket and including an inlet and an outlet, the pump being operable to pump fluid from the cavity into the inlet and pump fluid out of the pump through the outlet;

a cover selectively connectable to the bracket and being operable to substantially cover the pump when connected to the bracket; and

~~The dispenser of claim 14, further comprising~~ a control circuit for controlling operation of the dispenser, the bracket having a flange onto which the control circuit is mounted.

24. (Currently Amended) A portable backpack fluid dispenser operable to dispense fluid, the dispenser comprising:

a tank operable to support fluid therein;

a bracket connected to the tank;

a pump connected to the bracket and including an inlet and an outlet, the pump being operable to pump fluid from the cavity into the inlet and pump fluid out of the pump through the outlet; and

a cover selectively connectable to the bracket and being operable to substantially cover the pump when connected to the bracket;

~~The dispenser of claim 11, wherein the flange supporting also supports~~ a user manipulatable control.

25. (Currently Amended) A method of assembling a portable backpack fluid dispenser operable to dispense fluid, the method comprising:

providing a tank operable to support fluid therein;

connecting a bracket to the tank;

connecting a pump to, the pump being supportable by the bracket and being operable to pump fluid from the tank; and

connecting a cover to the bracket, the cover being operable to substantially at least ~~partially~~ cover the pump when connected to the bracket.

26. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 25, ~~connecting a bracket to the tank~~ includes further comprising connecting a bracket to the tank within a receptacle defined within the tank.

27. (Original) The method of claim 26, further comprising at least partially covering the receptacle with the cover.

28. (Currently Amended) A method of assembling a portable backpack fluid dispenser operable to dispense fluid, the method comprising:

providing a tank operable to support fluid therein;

connecting a bracket to the tank;

connecting a pump to, the pump being supportable by the bracket and being operable to pump fluid from the tank;

connecting a cover to the bracket, the cover being operable to at least partially cover the pump when connected to the bracket;

~~The method of claim 25, wherein connecting the bracket to the tank includes mounting a first portion of the bracket to the tank; and~~

~~the method further comprising mounting the pump to a flange extending from a second portion of the bracket oriented at an angle with respect to the first portion of the tank.~~

29. (Original) The method of claim 25, further comprising forming the first and second portions of the bracket from a single piece of sheet material.

30. (Original) The method of claim 25, further comprising mounting a control circuit to a flange of the bracket.